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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP ET US
SUBJECT: RUMORED VISIT OF ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION TO UNITED STATES

1. WHILE WE TRY TO AVOID REPORTING MANY OF RUMORS THAT CONTINUALLY SWEEP ADDIS, THERE IS ONE NOW FLOATING AROUND THAT WE BELIEVE DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE OF. RUMOR IS TO EFFECT THAT ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION IS EITHER EN ROUTE TO OR ALREADY IN WASHINGTON FOR UNSPECIFIED PURPOSE. ONE VERSION HAS IT HEADED BY PMAC SECRETARY GENERAL CAPT. FIKRE-SELASSIE WOGDERESS. ANOTHER HAS MIKAEL IMRU, POLITICAL ADVISOR TO PMAC CHAIRMAN, IN CHARGE. WE HAVE SPENT GOOD DEAL OF TIME IN RECENT DAYS DENYING EXISTENCE OF ANY SUCH MISSION, BUT RUMOR MAY WELL SURFACE THROUGH DIP CORPS IN ANY NUMBER OF CAPITALS.

2. COMMENT: RUMOR CONVENIENTLY FITS TWO THEORIES CIRCULATING IN ADDIS AMONG BOTH DIPLOMATS AND, WE UNDERSTAND, SOME ETHIOPIANS. FIRST IS THAT GIVEN OVERT SIGNS SUCH AS DISAPPEARANCE OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA PLUS GROWING PERCEPTION AMONG SOME DIPLOMATS OF SUPPOSED ETHIOPIAN DISENCHANTMENT WITH SOVIETS, ETHIOPIANS MUST NOW BE IN PROCESS OF REPAIRING RELATIONS WITH USG. WE EVEN HEAR
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OF RETURN OF MAAG. SECOND STEMS FROM DIFFERENT RUMOR THAT FIKRE-SELASSIE HAS DISAPPEARED AND THAT MIKAEL IMRU IS SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF COUNTRY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. ONE STORY HAS IT THAT FIKRE-SELASSIE HAS BEEN LIQUIDATED BY PMAC, BUT MORE PREVALENT ONE IS THAT HE IS ON MISSION AND WHAT WOULD BE MORE NATURAL IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAN TO BE LEADING MISSION TO WASHINGTON. ACTUALLY, WE DON'T

KNOW WHERE EITHER ONE OF THEM IS AT PRESENT, BUT GUESS
THEY ARE BOTH IN ADDIS.
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